

HOUSE RESOLUTION 161

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A RESOLUTION to honor Pastor Matt Anzivino of Raleigh  
Assembly of God.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body salute those citizens who work with purpose and commitment to fulfill God's mission while faithfully serving their congregations; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Matt Anzivino is one such estimable individual, who currently serves with distinction as lead pastor of Raleigh Assembly of God in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Anzivino and his family moved to Memphis seven years ago with a passion to see God move in southwest Tennessee, and since that time, Raleigh Assembly of God has become a vibrant, diverse church, as the congregation has seen the walls of Sunday segregation begin to fall; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Anzivino also established Refuge Memphis, a nonprofit organization that in 2015 was able to touch the lives of over 14,000 people within the community by providing monthly food and clothing outreach, sex trafficking rescue, a drug rehabilitation program, sports programs for at-risk youth, foster care ministry, and a weekly shower, along with food and clothing initiatives, for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, with an amazing crew of volunteers, committed staff, and the leadership of Pastor Anzivino, Raleigh Assembly of God and Refuge Memphis are transforming the community; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Anzivino grew up as a regular churchgoer in a Christian home in Clinton, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, he loved to play the saxophone as a youth, but after winning various awards on the instrument, including a college scholarship in music, Matt Anzivino felt the calling to enter

the ministry on a full-time basis, and he is still deeply involved in the ministry more than thirty years later; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Matt Anzivino's commitment to God, his spiritual leadership, his love for people, and his dedication to society's less fortunate citizens are worthy of respect and admiration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Pastor Matt Anzivino for his outstanding service to God and humanity as pastor of Raleigh Assembly of God, thank him for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee as a pastor, advocate, and social leader, and extend to him our best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.